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SUBJECT: GATT HANDLING OF LOME CONVENTION

REFS: (A) EC BRUSSELS 3835, (B) GENEVA 3008,

(C) STATE 97828

1. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY EC EMPHASIS ON "POLITICAL

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ASPECTS" (REF A, PARA 7). WE ASSUME THIS REFERS TO

HISTORICAL PATTERN OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN EC MEMBERS AND ACPS. WE BELIEVE THIS IS BEST BASIS FOR MAKING SUI GENERIS CASE FOR GATT ACCEPTANCE OF LOME CONVENTION.

2. PROPOSED ALLUSION TO PART IV - SOME ALLUSION TO EC DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND EVEN TO SOME PART IV CONCEPTS (AS OPPOSED TO DIRECT REFERENCE TO PART IV) MIGHT PROVE WORKABLE. WE TRUST EC NOTIFICATION WILL AVOID ASSERTIONS OF GATT COMPATIBILITY. AS EC AWARE, WE WISH TO AVOID GATT PRECEDENT WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE OTHER SPECIAL PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. LATIN AMERICAN VIEWS - U.S. HAS GENERAL UNDERTAKING, REAFFIRMED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER IN FEBRUARY 1974 MEETING AT TLATELOLCO AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS, TO CONSULT WITH THE LATIN AMERICANS ON TRADE ISSUES WITH A VIEW TO

SEEKING COMMON POSITIONS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. WE DO NOT VIEW NEED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LATIN AMERICAN VIEWS AS NEW CONDITION.

4. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS - WE REGARD ANNUAL REPORTS AND OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW CHANGES IN AGREEMENT AS IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF OUR APPROACH. WE ARE MORE FLEXIBLE ON FIVE-YEAR REVIEW.

5. WE APPRECIATE HIJZEN'S OFFER TO PROVIDE US WITH UNOFFICIAL COPY OF PROPOSED LETTER OF NOTIFICATION. IF THIS LETTER IS TO CONTAIN SUBSTANCE OF EC JUSTIFICATION TO BE ADAPTED INTO GATT DECISION OR WORKING PARTY CONSENSUS (OUR CLEAR PREFERENCE IS GATT DECISION), THEN WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT CONSULTATIONS PROPOSED IN REF C, PARA 4 TAKE PLACE BEFORE FINAL LETTER SENT.

6. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO REPORT ANY REACTION HIJZEN MAY HAVE HAD TO U.S. VIEWS ON RELATIONSHIP OF GATT HANDLING TO CASEY-SOAMES UNDERSTANDING (PARA 7, REFTEL C). KISSINGER

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